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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

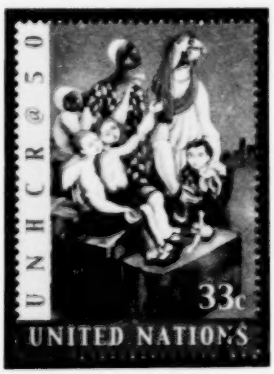
Subject: **First day of issue: "Respect for Refugees" stamps, souvenir sheets, souvenir card and 2000 annual collections**

Commemorative stamps and souvenir sheets

1. On Thursday, 9 November 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "Respect for Refugees".

2. The stamps, in denominations of 33 cents, Sw F 0,80 and S 7/euro 0,51, and the souvenir sheets, in denominations of $1.00, Sw F 1,80 and S 25.00/euro 1,82, were designed by Yuri Gevorgian, **Yuroz** (Armenia).

(United States equivalents: Sw F 0,80 = US$ 0.48, S 7/euro 0,51 = US$ 0.48, Sw F 1,80 = US$ 1.08 and S 25.00/euro 1,82 = US$ 1.70, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



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Souvenir cards

3. A souvenir card on the theme "Respect for Refugees" will also be issued on 9 November. The card, which was also designed by **Yuroz**, depicts the new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General.

2000 annual collection folders

4. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 2000 will also be released on 9 November. It should be noted that the 2000 Endangered Species series stamps **will not** be included in the individual New York, Geneva or Vienna annual collection folders. They are contained in their own separate album, which was previously issued in April 2000.

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet **only**. It should be noted that **Yuroz** also designed the official first-day cachet. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 9 November, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at *www.un.org/Depts/UNPA*.